

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3288
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REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF UNIONS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any policy to reduce the number of Unions in industrial units;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which this is likely to be proved helpful in maintaining harmony;
- (d) whether such a proposal has been implemented in any industry so far; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (e): Certain amendments in the Trade Unions Act, 1926 have been made by the Government. These amendments have been notified in the Gazette of India on 3rd September 2001. One of the amendments in the Act is as follows: 'Provided that no Trade Union of workmen shall be registered unless at least ten per cent, or one hundred of the workmen, whichever is less, engaged or employed in the establishment or industry with which it is connected or the members of such Trade Union on the date of making of application for registration.

Provided further that no Trade Union of workmen shall be registered unless it has on the date of making application not less than seven persons as its members, who are workmen engaged or employed in the establishment or industry with which it is connected`.

Once this amendment comes into force on a date appointed by the Central Government by a notification, it is expected to reduce the formation of number of Unions. This will also be helpful in maintaining industrial harmony in the country.